

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1258

By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Westview High School cheerleaders on winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association National Title.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Westview High School cheerleading program is well on its way to becoming renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and is already famous as a squad of competitive stature in the world of secondary sports; and

WHEREAS, the Westview High School (WHS) cheerleaders achieved a notable level of success during the 2007-2008 season, a season which culminated in their victory at the Universal Cheerleaders Association National championship Medium Varsity Division following their impressive victory at the TSSAA state championship; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) National Championship was held in Orlando, Florida, on February 8-10 and was host to fifty-nine schools; and

WHEREAS, WHS prevailed over eighty other teams from twenty-three states to secure the championship title in the Medium Varsity Division by showcasing their true athleticism and the spirit of constructive sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication and hard work of team members Dionna Alaba, Megan Burcham, Abby Butler, Heather Butler, Tatsyanna Davis, Rachel Fowler, Casey Hazlewood, Whitney Holecz, Brittany Hurst, Breanna Ingram, Emily Kurtz, Lauren Maness, Katie McKenzie, Rebekah Payne, Kristen Riley, Ashleigh Shell, Mallory Simpson, Bentlee

Walters, Regan Ward, and Kassi Wright, the school's cheerleading squad has achieved commendable success during the past year; and

WHEREAS, the WHS cheerleading squad is no stranger to remarkable accomplishments and awards; in the 2007-2008 season alone, the squad were Camp Champs at the UCA Kentucky Elite Cheerleading Camp and captured first place in the UCA Regionals and Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) Championship competitions; and

WHEREAS, David Byars meritoriously serves as Head Coach of the WHS cheerleading squad, as well as the principal of WHS, and is assisted by his wife Maggie; their squad captured the UCA National Title in 2004 and 2007, as well as an NCA National Championship in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Byarses are assisted by their daughters, Holli Byars and Mrs. Amy Belew, who is a former Westview cheerleader and was Captain of the squad her sophomore, junior, and senior years, and their son, David Byars, Jr., an English teacher and Assistant Coach of the football team and former member of the Vols Cheerleading Squad and the UCA staff. Former UCA staff member, Craig Monte, also assists the Byarses as the choreographer of all of the routines used by Westview in competition this year; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders of Westview High School for the 2007-2008 season have proven themselves to be both exceptional artists and athletes, and have modeled a tenacious work ethic and winning attitude for future WHS cheerleading champions; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders at Westview High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Westview High School cheerleaders for winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association

National Title for the Medium Varsity Division and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coaches David and Maggie Byars and the Westview High School cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary victorious performance at the 2008 Universal Cheerleaders Association National Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.